

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have had a profoundly positive effect upon the quality of life in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Myron W. McKinney joined The Empire District Electric Company in June 1967 as a Sales Consultant covering Joplin, Branson, and Buffalo before setting about to establish and maintain an exceptional reputation by taking on the challenges and responsibilities of Columbus Office Manager, Customer Relations Coordinator for Baxter Springs, Bolivar, and Greenfield, Customer Relations Director, Customer Services General Manager, Customer Services Vice President, member of the Board of Directors, Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations Executive Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer; and

**Whereas**, retiring on April 30, 2002, from the weighty position of President and Chief Executive Officer, Myron McKinney will remain on board the company in a visionary leadership role by accepting the office of Chairman of the Board on May 1, 2002; and

**Whereas**, born on September 8, 1944, to O.S. and Hazel McKinney in Santa Paula, California, Myron McKinney grew up in Bolivar, Missouri; graduated from Bolivar High School in 1962; married his beloved Janet Manard in 1964; attended Joplin Junior College, where he was President of the Student Senate and Captain of the football team, and Southwest Missouri State University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration in 1967; and served six years with the United States Marine Corps; and

**Whereas**, Myron McKinney is proud to be known as the father of Shannon Bowman and Rebecca and Andy Simmons; the grandfather of Andrew Wesley Simmons; and an avid backpacker, snow skier, runner, biker, and reader:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary life, stellar career, and astute leadership of Myron McKinney and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the April 30, 2002, retirement of Myron Wesley McKinney from The Empire District Electric Company.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Surface  
District No. 129

Representatives: Gary L. Burton, 128; Steve Hunter, 127; Bubs Hohulin, 126; Delbert L. Scott, 119; Gary Marble, 130; Sam Gaskill, 131; Linda Bartelsmeyer, 132; Ronnie miller, 133; Judy Berkstresser, 141; Van Kelly, 144; Ken Legan, 145; and Jim Kreider, 142.

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker